

JANUARY 19, 2006 TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Kenneth Higgins	Councilman
	Robert Olson	Councilman
	Shirley Hayes	Councilwoman
Mark Schachner	Town Counsel	
Gerald Granger	Highway Superintendent	
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk	

Also: Bernie Hill, Harry Balz, Joe Dooris, Brandon Himoff

Supervisor Bentley opened the meeting and welcomed guests.

The first order of business was to open the Bids. The clerk read the BID notices from the Adirondack Journal for the 2 Monitor heaters and the 1987 Ford Dump Truck.

There was only one bid for the Ford Dump Truck- \$1,500.00 from Brian Windrem. The Monitor heaters received 3 bids @ \$300.00 each, 1 bid for \$250.00 and one bid for \$510.00 for both. The high bidder for the heaters was Brian Windrem at \$602.00 for both heaters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- The minutes of December 12th, 15th, and 29th and January 3rd were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes.

January Abstracts:

RESOLUTION NO. 24 OF 2006

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 24 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT
OF JANUARY ABSTRACTS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby authorize the payment of the January Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 1-18	\$47,413.67
General Vouchers # 1-31	\$49,436.01
Highway Abstract # 1	\$ 7,923.36
General Abstract # 1	\$18,597.14

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

REPORTS- Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Assessor

COMMUNICATIONS-

NYS D.E.C.	RE: Expiration of Memo of Understanding
N.W. Ch. Of Comm.	RE: Meeting Schedule for 2006
Village of Lk. George	RE: Visitors Center- Resolution
Assoc. of Towns	RE: Annual Meeting-Resolution
Horicon Library	RE: Re-appoint Trustee-Resolution
NYS Real Property	RE: Board of Review Term Ending
HHHN	RE: Thank you to Supervisor Bentley
W.C. Bd. Of Elections	RE: Election slate/propositions
W.C. Bd. Of Elections	RE: Inter-municipal Agreement-Resolution
Falls Farm & Garden	RE: Repair of Tractor

Action on Communications-

Memo of Understanding- Supervisor Bentley said DEC will now issue general permit instead of Memo of Understanding.

Board agreed on June 7, 2006 at 7:30 A.M. meeting for Chamber of Commerce.

Falls Farm & Garden- Councilman Hill was told that tractor still makes a noise. Councilman Olson said "we need to address this noise issue now". "Can we cause the machine to make the noise before we send the payment check to them"? Discussion regarding holding the payment check longer and having machine looked at.

Lake George Visitors Center- Councilwoman Hayes said she would like to see some money spent beautifying this Town before we do anything else. Councilwoman Hayes said "I have yet to see any money spent on the things discussed".

OLD BUSINESS-

APA Letter in regard to Amendments- Counselor Schachner said that ZO McMeekin and the Planning Board are working on the APA comments regarding clarification and consistency in the amendments. Counselor Schachner suggested a small committee meet with the APA and try to "hash it out". It may be beneficial to include APA Senior Attorney Elaine George as well as Brian Grisi.

Disposal of old trailers replaced by Housing Grant- Supervisor Bentley reported that the County Planning Board would like a commitment from the Town saying that the old trailers will be taken at the landfill free of charge. Resolution will be introduced later in meeting.

Deposit Bottles & Cans- Councilman Hill reported that he has taken 74 bags of cans and 60 bags of plastic bottles from the landfill for a total of \$1350.00. He has not taken any glass bottles. The money was turned over to North Warren School as agreed and used for the Senior Class, Varsity Club, Field Hockey and OAS.

Master Plan- Councilman Olson asked about funding for beginning the Master Plan Study. Supervisor Bentley said that he had no requests for funding from any of the Boards and therefore there is no money in the budget at this time. Supervisor Bentley added that he needs requests for special projects at the time the budget process begins as he is "not a mind reader". Councilman Olson said he was asking because he made a commitment to the Planning Board last night to bring it up at the Town Board Meeting tonight.

RESOLUTIONS-

RESOLUTION NO. 25 OF 2006

Mr. Olson & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 25 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE FOR SHARE IN THE WARREN COUNTY ROOM AT THE LAKE GEORGE VISITOR'S CENTER

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake George is constructing a Visitors' Center on the corner of Beach Road and Route 9 in the Village of Lake George, AND

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Center is to promote, publicize and advertise the history, attractions and events of Warren County, AND

WHEREAS, the Village has designated one room for the use of all the municipalities in Warren County, and have allowed for the use of space therein, AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon realizes the value of participating in the construction of a kiosk wherein will be contained information on our Town, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon hereby approves an expenditure of \$7,125.00 as our share of the display to be erected in the Warren County Room. Funding to be taken from funds the Town receives from Warren County Bed Tax.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT
ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING AND TO
APPOINT DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR TOWN**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Paul Maniacek and Christine Smith-Hayes to attend the Association of Towns Meeting in New York City, February 19th to 22nd. The Town Board authorizes payment and reimbursement of expenses connected to said meetings, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby name Paul Maniacek to cast the vote for the Town of Horicon and in the absence of Paul Maniacek the Town Board does hereby designate Christine Smith-Hayes to cast the vote for Horicon.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF 2006

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Hill introduced Res. 27 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT LIBRARY TRUSTEE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, upon recommendation of the Horicon Free Library Trustees, does hereby re-appoint Katherine Bolton, with pleasure, to another five year term as Trustee for the library. New term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF 2006

Messrs. Hill & Olson introduced Res. 28 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT
WITH WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE ELECTION LAW
3-226 REGARDING CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF
VOTING MACHINES AND APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT
RELATING TO OR USED IN THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, recently enacted New York State Election Law S3-226 provides that all voting machines, and appliances and equipment relating to or used in the conduct or elections shall be in the care, custody and control of the Warren County Board of Elections, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon currently is in possession of certain voting machines and acknowledges its obligations under the Election Law to turn over the care, custody and control of the machines to the Warren County Board of Elections, AND

WHEREAS, the Warren County Board of Elections has asked the Town of Horicon for temporary assistance with regard to the voting machines, and the securing and administration of polling places, in consideration of the size of the voting machines, the knowledge the officers and employees of the Town of Horicon have concerning securing polling locations and to maintain as much consistency and past practice as possible, AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon recognizes the importance of continuity in the arranging for polling locations and otherwise administering the same, and also recognizes the large size of the voting machines, and therefore desires to assist the Warren County Board of Elections and enter into an agreement concerning the same, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Horicon enter into an agreement with the Warren County Board of Elections concerning the storage and safe-keeping of the voting machines and keys thereto, the right of access of the Board of Elections to the same at any time, and the providing of certain services by officers and employees of the Town of Horicon in securing polling locations, developing Election Day material needs list, setting up signage and temporary disability/ADA parking, delivering voting machines and tables, and performing accessibility/ADA compliance checks, as has been done with previous elections, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Horicon be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to execute an agreement with the Warren County Board of Elections consistent with the terms and provisions of this resolution, and in a form approved by the Town of Horicon Attorney, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Town of Horicon are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such other documents and take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate in order to effectuate the consummation of the transactions described in the foregoing recitals of this resolution, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, and all prior resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF 2006

Mr. Olson & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 29 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING SPECIAL MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon does hereby set a Special Meeting of the Horicon Town Board, Chester Town Board and the North Warren Chamber of Commerce, to be held on Monday, January 30th at 7:00 PM at the Horicon Community Center.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF 2006

Mr. Hill & Mrs. Hayes introduced Res. 30 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD BIDS

WHEREAS, the Town Board put up for sale, by bid, two Monitor #422 heaters and one 1987 Ford Dump Truck, AND

WHEREAS, bids were opened on January 19th at 7:00 PM, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the highest bidder for the Monitor Heaters is: Brian Windrem, 50 Shaw Hill Road, Adirondack, NY for a price of \$602.00.

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the highest and only bidder for the 1987 Highway Dump Truck is: Brian Windrem, 50 Shaw Hill Road, Adirondack, NY for a price of \$1,500.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF 2006

Mrs. Hayes & Mr. Olson introduced Res. 31 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO RE-APPOINT REGISTRAR

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk serves as Registrar for the Town of Horicon, AND WHEREAS, the Town Clerk was re-elected to another four year term in office, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby re-appoint Arlene Mayer to serve as Registrar for the Town of Horicon for another four year term ending December 31, 2009, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that Registrar Arlene Mayer does hereby re-appoint, with Town Board approval, Dawn Higgins to serve as Deputy Registrar for another four year term ending December 31, 2009.

Hill-aye, Higgins-abstain, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 32 OF 2006

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 32 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of the following funds:

GENERAL

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1990.4 (Cont.)	9055.8 (Disability)	\$ 44.00
1990.4 (Cont.)	9010.8 (St. Retire.)	\$1726.00

HIGHWAY

9060.8 (Med. Ins.)	9055.8 (Disability)	\$ 3.00
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Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 33 OF 2006

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 33 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BONDING FOR
TOWN OF HORICON EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2006**

WHEREAS, under Sec.25 of Town Law, the Town Board is required to set the amounts of a Blanket Bond for Town Officers & Employees by Resolution, AND

WHEREAS, the Town of Horicon is insured for bonding of all its employees, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Horicon establishes the following limits of insurance:

Public Employee dishonesty bond-per employee \$10,000.00

Additional indemnity-specified positions

Town Supervisor \$30,000.00

Deputy Supervisor \$30,000.00

Town Clerk \$30,000.00

Tax Collector \$310,000.00

Public Officials Liability Policy: Provides coverage for "errors or omissions" for which the public officials are found liable.

Each Claim Limit \$1,000,000

Annual Aggregate \$1,000,000

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town of Horicon is hereby instructed to file a copy of this Resolution with the Warren County Clerk.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 34 OF 2006

Messrs. Olson & Higgins introduced Res. 34 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HORICON LANDFILL
TO ACCEPT, AT NO CHARGE, ALL OLD TRAILERS THAT HAVE
BEEN REPLACED BY WARREN COUNTY HOUSING GRANT**

RESOLVED, that the Town of Horicon Town Board, desiring to cooperate in any way possible with a Warren County Housing Grant seeking to replace old trailers for eligible Town residents, does hereby commit its resources to dispose of the old trailers, at no charge.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 35 OF 2006

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 35 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO HIRE SUBSTITUTE AT LANDFILL

WHEREAS, Bob Hayes, Landfill Supervisor is in need of a substitute at the landfill that will be available on Saturdays on an "on call" basis, AND

WHEREAS, an applicant has come to the Town's attention, but because of time constraints has not been able to interview for the position, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board, upon the approval of the landfill supervisor, does hereby hire Sylvio "Sonny" LiFonte to work at the landfill on a substitute "on call" basis. Hourly wage if \$8.55 per hour.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 36 OF 2006

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 36 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISING
FOR BOARD OF REVIEW**

WHEREAS, the Town has a vacancy on the Board of Review due to the expiration of Robert Hayes' term, NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the clerk to advertise for person interested in serving on the Board of Assessment Review.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Hayes-aye, Bentley-aye

FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MASTER PLAN-

Councilwoman Hayes asked that money be transferred for a Master Plan Study even though it is not funded in the budget. Councilman Olson suggested the Town hire Lisa Nagel to "walk us through the course and see how to start it up". We could have a series of meetings to form a "common understanding" of what the process would involve. Councilman Higgins said he still agrees with RuthAnn Assman's letter stating the Town has well-equipped people on the Boards and does not need to get involved with a "Master Plan" at this time. Mr. Joe Dooris said the Town Board needs to do at least a review, given the amount of development that has been going on and is still planned. Mr. Dooris said the Town needs to "revisit the regulations and see where they want to go and when they want to get there".

Counselor Schachner suggested the Town have a committee made up of a few members of each Board. This committee can decide how much newly created material the Town needs and then seek proposals from consulting companies. Supervisor Bentley said there are some grants available for Master Plans and he will look into it.

PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR- There were no questions.

The Board moved at 8:10 PM to Executive Session by MOTION of Messrs. Hill & Olson, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley stated that Personnel is the subject of meeting.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 9:00 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Olson, all ayes. Supervisor Bentley reported that Personnel had been discussed no decisions resulted.

One last matter for discussion is building a new garage for the highway department.

The Board would like to meet with Joe Metzger to discuss preliminary building ideas.

Councilmen Higgins & Olson made a MOTION to set up a meeting with Mr. Metzger, all ayes.

This being all the business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Higgins & Hill, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk